

Board of Public Health Meeting

September 26, 2007

Virginia City, MT

On Wednesday, September 26, 2007, the Board of Public Health met at 5:30 PM in the Madison County Courthouse. Those Board members in attendance were Sarah Googe, Mary Beth Walsh, Doug Walsh, and Margaret Bortko. Also in attendance were Molly Peterson, Jill Steele, Dr. Jaye Swoboda and Rob Brevetta.

Mary Beth moved to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2007 meeting. Sarah seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Public Health Administrator Update

- Trainings & Meetings attended:
 - o Created a Health Emergency Advisory Team that meets regularly
 - o Association of Montana Public Health Officials monthly meetings
 - o Appointed to Public Health Systems Improvement Task Force
 - o Appointed to Workforce Development Task Force
 - o Summer PH Institute in Great Falls
 - o Public Information Officer Training
 - o Organized & hosted a HAZMAT Tabletop exercise
 - o Created an Incident Management Team for countywide response
- Activities:
 - o 2 Shingles Vaccine Clinic in Ennis
 - o Completed 2nd, 3rd, & 4th qtr deliverables for PHEP grant
 - o Re-wrote Strategic National Stockpile Plan per state guidance
 - o Completed final paperwork for MCH & IAP Grant
 - o Purchased new medical billing software
- Future Plans:
 - o Get Memorandums of Understanding signed with schools and hospitals for alternative care sites during a disaster
 - o Pandemic Flu tabletop with regional counties
 - o Flu clinics
 - o Extensive Public Information Officer training in Ennis

Public Health Nurse Update

- Trainings & Meetings attended:
 - o SIDS training in Bozeman
 - o PH Summer Institute in Great Falls
 - o Tabletop drill in July
 - o MT Public Health Association Meetings in Helena
- Activities:
 - o Gave shots at monthly well-child clinics
 - o 2 Shingles Vaccine Clinics at Ennis Pharmacy
 - o Daycare record inspection
 - o Hep B shots at schools
 - o Taught Puberty classes at the Ennis & Sheridan Schools
 - o Made immunization binders for each school
 - o Hearing screenings at all schools
- Future Plans:
 - o Finish updating school records
 - o Hep B, Meningococcal & Tdap shots at the schools
 - o Flu clinics
 - o Blood Pressure checks at Meals on Wheels

Discussion Points

- Daycare Licensing - The two daycare facilities in Ennis that were closed were not licensed. They were given the option, but probably did not because of staffing issues and the size of the facility. Molly only inspects licensed daycare facilities.
- Tb Testing (Back to Back) - Molly asked the physicians at the meeting if it was standard procedure to perform Tb tests back to back. Dr. Swoboda stated that it was wise to test twice in 2 weeks for individuals that live in high risk areas or have been subjected to Tb.
- Social Worker to help fill out Medicaid/Medicare applications: Mary Beth asked the Board if they knew of a social worker within the county that could help people applying for Medicaid or Medicare (the paperwork is very extensive). Sarah said there is someone at the nursing home for people that are going to be living there and that her office would be willing to help. Margaret said she thought there was someone hired by the county to take Nancy O'Neil's position at the nursing homes. Dr. Swoboda said that Jamie Backnus at the Madison Valley Hospital was very good at filling out those forms and would probably be willing to help.

Public Health Isolation & Quarantine Plan

Jill stated to the Board that the Public Health Emergency Response Plans in the binder needed to be approved by the Board so that she could give them to the commissioners. The first plan to be approved is the Isolation and Quarantine Plan as well as the Isolation and Quarantine Order. Sarah moved to accept both the plan and the order. Margaret seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed. The next plan to be approved is the Strategic National Stockpile Plan (new version attached).

Board Member Resignation

Margaret Bortko, NP read a very nice resignation letter to the Board stating she was moving to Alaska to pursue her doctorate. The Board regretfully accepted her resignation. Mary Beth moved to accept Margaret's resignation. Sarah seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed. Jill will give a copy of her resignation letter to the Board of Commissioners and they will advertise to fill the position.

Annual Flu Shots

Jill asked the Board when they would recommend flu shots be started this year. She had asked physicians around the county for their opinions and read an email Dr. Hendrickson sent her because he couldn't make it to the meeting. His email stated that it takes 2 weeks for the antibodies in the flu vaccine to take effect, so if we wait too long to start giving them, we could miss the most important peak. Dr. Swoboda said he felt the flu season started late last year, so maybe it would be best to start later. Dr. Sarah Gooze, Health Officer said that since that is not typical for Madison County - it would probably be best to wait until the last week of October, but no later than that. Jill will post a press release in the paper regarding the scheduled flu clinic dates and asked Sarah if she could write a short article regarding the new recommendations from the CDC. Margaret said it would be nice if all physicians in the county had a standard procedure for prescribing anti-virals so that there are no contraindications and no confusion.

Dr. Swoboda Update

Dr. Swoboda reported to the Board that the Madison Valley Hospital broke ground on September 24, 2007. He also said there is a new internist at the clinic/hospital, Cindy Sharp, and she has been a very good addition. On November 15, 2007 (National Smokeout Day) the Madison Valley Hospital and Madison Valley Manor will be smoke-free medical campuses.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

With no further items. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM